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ARMED GUARDS FOR BANKS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have made arrangements to provide armed guards to each bank for their safety;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the existing rules framed to provide armed guards to the banks in terrorist infested States;

(d) whether security arrangement made for banks in terrorism infested States are not sufficient; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide adequate security arrangement for such banks?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) & (b) : Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that as per the guidelines for security arrangements in public sector banks, bank branches, other than Currency Chests and repositories were categorized by respective banks into High risk branch, Normal risk branch and Low risk branch. Keeping in view the risk profile of the branch, deployment of guards is made by concerned bank.

(c), (d) & (e):- Local State Government`s assistance is taken for providing adequate security to bank branches in vulnerable/ terrorist affected areas/States.